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HONGKONG, JANUARY 14TH, 1909.

As a rule, when a minister at a Court comes prominently before the public it is in connection with some indiscretion or other; it being the established rule in diplomacy that a Minister's opinions shall be the sole property of his Government, and shall not be exhibited by word or deed, unless under instructions from his own Foreign Office. Owing to very peculiar circumstances, China has been more or less looked upon as an exception to the rule, and Ministers at Peking have at times expressed their own private ideas in language which can hardly be considered diplomatic, especially when the subject was the delinquency of some unfortunate merchant or chamber of commerce who had ventured to have private opinions respecting some pet scheme or other of the British Minister for the time being. No Minister to China has been less obnoxious to the besetting sin of the Peking Minister than Sir JOHN JORDAN, the present occupant of the post, and no minister has of recent times enjoyed so much of the confidence of his nationals in China; it is therefore with considerable regret that we find him—probably under express orders from the Foreign Office—seeking to interfere with the undoubted function of the new Regency in dismissing a Minister of the Crown. It is doubtless true that the dismissed minister, YUAN SHI-KAI, as practically giving tone to the relations of China with the outer Powers, has vastly improved on

the methods of his predecessor; and has brought China into line with the greater European Powers. The incident of his dismissal might very well then have become the subject of a private remonstrance with the Prince Regent, but it is hardly becoming that at the present stage, unless we are prepared to establish a quasi-protectorate over China, that it should be made the subject of a public interference. Doubtless Sir JOHN JORDAN feels this himself, and has been made to occupy a disagreeable position through the influence at the Foreign Office of some over zealous non-official adviser. YUAN SHI-KAI, it is surely well to remember before proceeding to the length of a practically public reprimand of an independent government, is not the only man in China capable of conducting China's foreign affairs; and it would have been wiser before administering the rebuff, to have ascertained who was likely to be made his successor. Indeed, as in commenting on the dismissal on the 11th instant, we pointed out, there are many equally competent statesmen in China at the present moment, with a far clearer reputation than YUAN. We showed in that article why with all his ability for administration, there were many things in YUAN's past record which could not but prevent his being a person of great to the present Prince Regent; and these things, it is also well to remember, brought him at the time into not altogether pleasant contact with the foreign Powers. It is quite true that YUAN, so far as the Powers are concerned, for these errors, but it is by no means certain that he succeeded equally in persuading the late Emperor of the entire purity of his conduct, and it is one of the most reassuring points in the Regency of his brother that he has so far shown a desire, avoiding his mistakes of immaturity, to follow in the path of reform too hastily attempted by the late KWANG SU. That only by such measures can China be extricated from the slough of despond into which the misrule of the last century had plunged her is acknowledged by all, even in China herself, with the sole exception of a band of reactionaries who have been battenning on the miseries of the country; and it would have been far wiser on the part of the British Foreign Office, before committing itself to an unfriendly course, to have ascertained the real inwardness of the situation. For obvious reasons we have not considered ourselves called upon to adjudge the rights and wrongs of YUAN SHI-KAI's dismissal as between him and Prince CHUN; these being matters that concern themselves personally; we only reviewed the case sufficiently far to show that there was some reason for the action without calling into the matter the too frequently uttered cry that it was "anti-foreign." For ourselves we do not believe that it in any measure partook of this nature; the questions at the moment of the greatest importance to China are not those in connection with foreign affairs; and fortunately for the Empire there are at the moment no important foreign questions at issue. No country either desires or is in a position to undertake an aggressive attitude against China; the desire may linger, but unless China herself by some mad action should provoke hostility, she has a fair field before her. She has not even the embarrassment of having schemes for her internal benefit thrust upon her without her Foreign nations have at the moment quite enough to do to look after their own mismanaged finances, and have no inducement, nor indeed ability to throw their surplus at China, whether the latter be willing or not. How long the respite may last, it is, of course, impossible to predict, but the fact remains that for China it is very real, and very agreeable. China's momentary task, then, is to take advantage of the respite to put her own financial affairs in order. On the 30th ultimo we mentioned incidentally that Peking was at last beginning to learn the lesson. Now this is a subject which the Chinese as a nation are quite capable of grasping, when once they have mastered the initial difficulties. Those difficulties arose from the defects in the fundamental basis of government which led to a complete severance of interests between governed and governors. This difference of interests is not confined to China, but prevails wherever satrapial government exists; and as China is the one country that has carried this system of delegated control to the furthest limit, so she has found the separation wider. The agitation about representative government, and provincial assemblies is the direct issue of the coming change, and it would seem wiser to permit China to take her own time about it; at all events all international experience goes to show that a nation must be left, like an individual, very much to its own resources to work out its salvation. Now this is the very thing that the present

TELEGRAMS.

[DAILY PRESS EXCLUSIVE SERVICE]

DEATH OF A FORMER HONG-KONG MERCHANT.

LONDON, January 13th.
Mr. Thomas Howard, late of Hong-kong, is dead.

(The deceased gentleman was a merchant in the colony and retired almost ten years ago.)

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Copyright Ordinance, 1894.][ENTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]AUSTRIA'S OFFER TO
TURKEY.LONDON, January 12th.
News of the Austrian offer of compensation to Turkey for the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, has been received with great relief in Vienna, and has been followed by a rapid advance in stock quotations on the Bourse.

The offer has been welcomed at Constantinople as denoting a more conciliatory disposition.

It is not improbable that Turkey will continue bargaining with a view to obtaining a larger sum, but Austria is firmly opposed to any increase in the amount offered.

THE OFFER ACCEPTED.

LONDON, January 13th.
Turkey has accepted Austria's offer. It is stated in Vienna that the mere formalities remain to be adjusted, and a complete settlement is expected within a week.

The Bourse is consequently excited and the value of stocks has jumped up.

The Grand Vizier endeavoured to obtain an increase of half a million, but M. Pallavicini, the Austrian Ambassador, was inexorable and threatened to break off negotiations.

THE PRUSSIAN BUDGET.

LONDON, January 12th.
The Prussian Budget deficit amounts to nearly nine millions sterling, chiefly due to depression in trade and decreased railway profits.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

BIG INCREASE IN THE COST.
LONDON, January 13th.
Senator Hopkins has introduced into the Senate at Washington a Bill authorising the issue of bonds for \$500,000,000, for the construction of the Panama Canal.

This represents an increase of \$375,000,000 over the original issue (estimate?).

ASIATIC IMMIGRATION INTO
CANADA.LONDON, January 13th.
An Ottawa dispatch states that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Premier, replying to a deputation from the Trades Congress, said the immigration of Japanese and Hindus into British Columbia had practically ceased, but the influx of Chinese was increasing despite the tax, but they were mostly for domestic service.

VIOLIN RECITAL.

A good number of music lovers attended Herr Promyslav's violin recital in St. Andrew's Hall last night. His playing was greatly appreciated, as he revealed a wonderful mastery of the instrument, and his work was finished and artistic. The distinguishing feature was the richness of tone. The Virtuoso was assisted at the piano by Mrs. J. Cochrane, with whom he was also associated in the three opening selections from Greig. Herr Promyslav responded to two encores.

The following was the programme:—I. Sonata C. minor, Grieg; I.—Allegro molto appassionato; II.—Mollegretto expressivo alla Romanza; III.—Allegro animato, Mrs. Cochrane and Mr. Promyslav; 2 (a) Romance G. major, Beethoven; (b) Menuett, Mozart; (c) Hungarian Dance, Brahms-Joachim; 3 (a) Humoreske, Dvorak; (b) Berceuse, Arensky; (c) L'Amour, Schubert; (d) selection from Brahms; 4, (a) Nocturne E. flat, Chopin; (b) Figounewisen, Sarasate.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, January 13th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ
(ACTING PUISNE JUDGE)

ACTION FOR TRESPASS.

Wong Shi, a single woman, sued Leung In She, for \$1,000 damages for trespass and for the unlawful conversion by the defendant of the plaintiff's share in the Wo Fung firm in Hung-hom. From the writ it appeared that prior to November 2nd last year she was the owner of a \$500 share in the Wo Fung grocery store at Hung-hom, standing to her credit in the name of Hop Shing Tong Wong Shi. On Oct. 11th, the defendant, without her knowledge, and by misrepresentation, caused a prohibitory order to be issued against the said share in a Summary Court action in which defendant was plaintiff and afterwards issued execution and sold her share. Plaintiff was represented by Mr. S. Dixon from the office of Mr. Harding and defendant was represented by Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton.

Evidence having been given by the plaintiff, Mr. Bruton took the objection that a sale by order of the court was absolute. Objection should have been taken to the sale within the time allowed—ten days after the sale.

Mr. Dixon said he was not seeking to set aside the sale. He was claiming damages for trespass.

Mr. Bruton said she should have taken steps to protect her property.

Mr. Dixon replied that she was not aware of what was being done.

The defence was a denial of misrepresentation and an assertion that the sale was regular.

His Lordship said he was with Mr. Bruton to the point of law but he would like to hear further argument on the facts and adjourned the case.

THE "EASTERNS'" STOWAWAYS.

A CONTRADICTION.

Mr. H. G. C. Bailey (of the firm of Messrs. Johns n. Stokes and Master) informed Mr. Kemp at the Magistracy yesterday that he had been instructed by Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Agents of the E. & A. Steamship Co., to contradict certain statements reported to have been made by Mr. Gardiner to the Court the previous day when applying for a rehearing of the charge against the persons convicted of being stowaways on the steamer "Eastern."

It appeared that the newspaper reports of the proceedings that Mr. Gardiner had stated that the ship's agents had not desired to press the case, and in fact were rather sorry for the stowaways. Mr. Bailey said he was instructed by Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. to state that they had given no instructions to the agent mentioned by Mr. Gardiner, and so far from desiring any reduction of the penalty imposed, they applied for the maximum penalty provided by the Ordinance. Unless the statements reported to have been made by Mr. Gardiner were contradicted, Mr. Bailey said, considerable harm would be done.

Mr. Kemp said that when Mr. Gardiner made his application he was astonished to hear that the shipping agents, who the previous day had pressed for the full penalty, desired a mitigation of the sentence the next day.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL SHIELD.

A meeting was held last evening to make arrangements for the Shield competition. Q. M. Sgt. A. Andrews was in the chair, and there were present the Hon. Secretary and representatives of the Hongkong Club, H.G.A., Buffs, H.M.S. Monmouth, Bedford, Kent, King Alfred, the Naval Yard, Y.M.C.A., B.O.C., Moslems and R.E.

DRAWNS.

A.—Buffs A. v. Buffs B; referee Gr. March, R.G.A.

B.—H.M.S. Monmouth v. H.M.S. Kent, referee Corp. Edwards (Buffs).

C.—Modem v. H.M.S. Bedford; referee Gr. Greenwood, R.G.A.

D.—Naval Yard, v. B.O.C.; referee Sapper Height, R.E.

E.—H.K.F. Club v. B.E.; referee, Corp. Lockyer, (Monmouth).

Bye R.G.A., Y.M.C.A., H.M.S. King Alfred.

The above matches are to be played by 30th January, 1909.

SECOND ROUND.

F.—Winner of B. v. Y.M.C.A.

G.—R.G.A. v. Winner of A.

H.—Winner of D. v. Winner of C.

J.—H.M.S. King Alfred v. Winner of E.

These are to be played by 20th February, 1909.

SEMI-FINAL.

K.—Winner of F. v. Winner of G.

L.—Winner of H. v. Winner of J.

To be played by 13th March 1909.

FINAL.

Winner of K. v. L.

The game to be for 45 minutes each way. An extra quarter of an hour each way to be played in case of draw. (Light etc. permitting).

The Referee appointed for each match will start the matches punctually at the time stated for the match to commence.

On Tuesday evening there was a large attendance of Brethren of the R.A.O.E. to partake of a hot-pot supper kindly provided by Bro. Parkinson, C.P., at the new premises, 20a, Queen's Road East. The affair proved very enjoyable. Under the chairmanship of Sir J. J. Blake, K.O.M., the following Brethren contributed to the programme:—Songs, Bros. Brown, Bunn, Owen, Foster, and Lye; Elocutionist, Bro. Young; stump speech, Bro. Brown; and a sketch in the Lancashire dialect by Bro. Young, who also ably presided at the piano.

Considering these and other misconceptions as to the Scottish character, we find it impossible to tell precisely what brings the Scotman his prosperity. "Getting on" is just born in him, we suppose. Anyhow, Mr. Barrie is quite right: it's a grand sight to see a Scotman on the make. But if the Welshman is going to take the advice of Mr. Lloyd George and imitate him, where on earth will the Englishman come in?—*Evening Standard*.

The *Echo de Chine* states that the Austrian Bank has decided to open an agency at Shanghai. Mr. W. Dressmeier is to be the first manager.

THE POPPY IN CHINA.

Mr. C. Clementi, Assistant Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, has laid all students of the opium question in China under a further debt of gratitude to him by the publication yesterday of an "Article on the Poppy from the compendium of Literature and Illustrations ancient and modern." The original text of this Chinese classic has been translated by Mr. Clementi, who has supplemented it with copious notes and an introduction. The remarkable compendium of 10,000 books from which the article on the Poppy is translated was published in 1726. We gather from it that the poppy is first mentioned prior to 819 A.D. and the poppy fields are described as a feature of the landscape in Szechuan. Under the Sung dynasty the poppy is mentioned as vegetable, and the seeds and vegetables are mentioned as having medicinal value, and curing diarrhoea. An author of the Chin dynasty (1115-1234 A.D.) speaks of the poppy capsules as a cure for cough and asthma; while writers of the Yuan dynasty (1206-1368 A.D.) prescribe the capsules for rheumatism, cough, consumption and diarrhoea. Before 1578 A.D. the etymology of the word "opium" was already under discussion, and opium is spoken of as an article of trade. Summarising an article by a writer in the Ming dynasty (1368-1464 A.D.), who died in 1482 A.D., Mr. Clementi says there is no hint in the article of the names "foreign medicine," and "foreign earth" which were subsequently invented to describe the drug. "On the contrary, it seems clear that the Arab first taught the Chinese their knowledge of opium and the way to extract it, yet for several centuries previously *papaver somniferum* had been well known in China. In fact, all that the Chinese learnt from the Arabs was a means of extracting further profit from their already existing poppy fields."

The book is on sale at the office of Messrs. Norcross & Co. at \$1.50 per copy.

THE FLOWERS OF THE FOREST.

THE LEGEND OF THE SCOTCH THISTLE.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL AND ORPHANAGE.

ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual prize-giving of the Diocesan School and Orphanage took place at noon yesterday, when His Excellency the Governor presided. Seated on the platform with His Excellency were His Lordship Bishop Lander, Hon. Mr. E. A. Howett, Rev. F. T. Johnson and Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, while the large attendance included the Rev. T. W. and Mrs. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Braudwood, Rev. C. H. and Mrs. Hickling, Rev. A. D. Stewart, Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Bunbury, Miss Henninger, Hon. Dr. Atkinson and Mr. Sin Tak Fun.

Mr. G. Piercy, principal, read his report as follows:—“We are thankful to say the boys and staff enjoyed excellent health during the year and were thus able to do good, steady work. With an enrolment of 329 the average attendance on the 237 days on which school was taught has risen from 2225 in 1907 to 2425 in 1908, which is the highest yet reached. Our accommodation for 89 boarders has been constantly full and applicants have had to be refused or kept waiting for vacancies. We attach great importance to this part of our work, as the boarders come more under our influence and derive more benefit from our teaching than day scholars. As most new boys come after Chinese New Year, our scholastic year has coincided with the Chinese year, but it will in future, on the Inspector's recommendation begin and end at the summer vacation. This will give the Senior classes 10 months (instead of 5 hitherto) to prepare for the Oxford local Examinations in July and will relieve the Inspector of an examination at a busy time. To inaugurate this change the boys had their promotions in September and the classes began the year's work then. Consequently the examination held by the Inspector from 8th to 16th December was on three months' work; he will hold a final examination in June next. In the Hygiene Shield Competition our team got 6.43 per cent. of the marks and after holding the Shield for two years lost it by 43 per cent. which with a maximum of 700 would be three marks. At the Oxford Local Examinations two boys passed in the Senior and attained the degree of A.A.: 4 in the Junior: 18 in the Preliminary. This is the first occasion on which we have had so many as 18 passes (last year 15) and one little boy, H. Wilson, attained to Honours in the Preliminary, and was the only Hongkong boy so distinguished. The Rev. C. E. Thompson examined the School in Scripture. In March the staff was increased by the engagement of Mr. Sin Ping-kwan as Clerk and junior Anglo-Chinese teacher. In April the assistant matron, Miss Arnour, resigned after 3 years' faithful work to go to Scotland. Miss E. Cooper has most efficiently taken her place. In August Mr. J. D. Brown, by medical advice, returned to Australia, and in September Mr. P. L. Brown sailed for England on the completion of his 4 years' agreement. Their places have been most satisfactorily filled by Messrs. S. Hore and W. H. Viveash, trained teachers selected for us by His Lordship the Bishop on his recent visit to England. In October the Anglo-Chinese teacher, Mr. Lu Cho-hang, had the sad misfortune to have his house K'wang-tung raided by brigands who carried off his two children—One, I fear, has died and the other is still held for ransom. Mr. Lu at once applied for leave of absence providing his brother as an able substitute and has since resigned. Mr. Lu Chi-po has been appointed in his stead. Mr. Yau has taken the place of Mr. Wang as Chinese Teacher. During the winter Mr. L. J. McPherson gave the boys and girls an interesting lecture on Canada, illustrated by lantern slides lent by the C. P. R. Company, and Mr. Brown lectured on Hygiene and explained a series of slides lent by the Sanitary Board. At the close of the bathing season, through the kindness of Mr. A. J. Macgowan, a launch was placed at our disposal, and the boys had their aquatic sports at Repulse Bay. The Hon. Mr. Hewett kindly lent us a large launch on Boxing Day to convey the girls and boys of the two schools to “Seaton” for their annual picnic, when they thoroughly enjoyed the programme of sports and the subsequent prizes. Another afternoon the boys spent very pleasantly on board the large four-masted barque *Daylight* where they were most hospitably entertained by Captain McBryde. The Hon. Mr. Howett has kindly sent a framed picture of the flag composing Nelson's signal at Trafalgar. The school cricket, football, tennis and five o'clock are in a very flourishing condition. The chief interest has been in cricket and the school is now probably represented by the strongest teams it has ever had. Besides winning all its matches against the other schools of the Colony it has been successful in matches against the Masters, the sailing-ship apprentices Craigengowers, Watsons and the “A” team of the Civil Service and Kowloon Clubs. Mrs. Turfus has delighted the small boys by presenting a large wooden horse that is on the trot every moment of playtime. In conclusion I must thank the whole staff for the hearty manner in which they have co-operated for the instruction or amusement of the boys and also the following gentlemen for presenting prizes:—Hon. Mr. E. A. Howett, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk C.M.G., Hon. Dr. Atkinson, Rev. F. T. Johnson, Messrs. L. Arnold, F. B. Bowley, Fung Wa-chun, Ho Fook, Ho Tung, T. Hunter, H. Hastings, Li Fuk-tsan, Li Ping, Sin Tak-fan, F. Southee, and Wong Po-chuen.

His EXCELLENCE was then asked by His Lordship the Bishop to make a few remarks. He said—“My Lord Bishop, Ladies and gentlemen, and boys of the Diocesan School: Last year when I distributed the prizes here I said it was usually the good fortune of whoever had this pleasant task to perform to congratulate the school on continued progress, and on achievements which put in the shade those of the year before. I am glad to say that I can place it on record this year that this progress

has not only been maintained, but has been increased in a very marked manner. I take the figures of the last four years. The attendance— that is average attendance, not merely enrolment—in 1905 was 195; next year it was 222; next 225; this year it has jumped to 242. In the preliminary Oxford examination in 1905, 17 passed; next year 12; the next 15; and this year 18, which, as the headmaster told us, is the largest number which the school has ever succeeded in passing. These are results which the staff and the boys may be very proud of, and of which we, throughout the whole Colony are proud. The headmaster last year in his report told us that the school very greatly needed an extended building, as I saw for myself when I had been over the premises. More especially, he said that extensions were required for the boarders. The accommodation for boarders is, as you have heard, limited to 89, and I most cordially agree with the headmaster and the remarks of the committee recorded in their report that the most valuable work done in the school has been done in respect of boarders. I said last year that I hoped that the powerful committee which manages this school would be able to devise means by which this extension might be undertaken. But we know that during past years calls have been many, and money has been, as it is called, tight. But I hope that during the coming year we may be more fortunate, and that the committee may be able to put this extension in hand. It is, ladies and gentlemen, very striking thing that so many schools in this Colony are increasing so rapidly that it is becoming necessary that their buildings should be increased and extended. Within the last day or two I have had the pleasure of laying the foundation stone of an extension of St. Stephen's College, and also of inaugurating new promises for St. Stephen's girls' College. The Government District Schools at Wan-chai and Saing-pui have been, during the last year considerably increased, while the Ellis Kadouris school, which recently largely increased its building, is already becoming cramped again. Queen's College is at its wits end to accommodate all its scholars, and I fear we shall have to reduce the numbers in order to prevent unsanitary overcrowding. Now, while these remarkable facts bear evidence of the appreciation of the primary and secondary education afforded in this Colony, they also compel us to consider whether the needs of a higher education for the senior boys in the top forms, and for those who have proved their ability by passing the Oxford examinations, have been sufficiently provided for. As I think you all know, we have this matter at present under serious consideration. Referring to the report which we have just heard read, and also referring to the report of the Inspector of Schools which has not yet been read, but which I have had the pleasure of looking over, I see that the Inspector of Schools says the discipline and organisation of the School are highly satisfactory. He says also that the vernacular classes which have been instituted during the past year, have been successful; and it is, I am sure you will agree with me, a very important matter that Chinese scholars should be able to read and write their own language. He has reported too, that the school is thoroughly efficient. Among the salient points in these reports of the progress during the past year is the fact of the increase of the numbers of assisted scholars, that is to say those whose fees are paid or partly paid by subscribers. In 1906 the number was 59; in 1907 it increased to 65. This shows the appreciation and approbation of the public who generously subscribed in order to enable a certain number of boys who were not able to pay the fees of the school to take advantage of the education offered. To that subscription list I shall be very glad to add my own name (applause). We have heard from Mr. Piercy that the school cricket team in exceptionally strong this year. Last year when I distributed the prizes I made the suggestion that we should institute a competition for second elevens. Mr. Wolfe, Inspector of Schools, has had this proposal under his consideration during the past year, and with the committee from the various schools has decided that the competition will be best for football, as in this the largest number of schools can be represented. So soon as matches have been organised the cup will be ready for the winning team in the second eleven competition. I wish you boys of the Diocesan School every success in the competition for the second eleven football cup (applause). Your holidays are just beginning, boys, and you will have lots of leisure for sports of every kind. I hope the weather may be propitious, and I hope you will have happy and pleasant holidays, and that at the beginning of next term you will come back resolved to maintain the high traditions of this school as being the most successful in the Colony in the Oxford and Cambridge examinations, and one of the first in every form of competition, whether in school work or in sport. While you rightly place the reputation of your school first and foremost in your thoughts you will not forget that this school is part of a British Colony, that it is due to the liberal institutions under which you live that this school, this cosmopolitan school in which British, Portuguese, Chinese and Eurasians all meet in equal terms and in friendly rivalry, that this school has been able to increase and prosper as it has done. You are justly proud of your school, and you should be justly proud of the Colony in which you live. Be jealous of its reputation, and I hope you will all be eager when you grow up to take part in its institutions and bear your share in promoting its prosperity and in maintaining its good name. I wish you a very pleasant holiday, and a very successful year to come both in your school work and in your sports.

The PRINCIPAL then read the report of the Inspector of Schools and the Rev. C. F. Thompson's scripture report, both of which were very satisfactory. Mr. WOLFE returned the schools thoroughly efficient, and recommended a grant at the rate of 35/-.

On the conclusion of the reading of these reports His EXCELLENCE presented the prizes.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The *Kisan-maru* will be launched from the Mitsu Bishi Dockyard, Nagasaki, on the 24th January. The vessel is the last to be launched of the four ordered by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for its European service.

In consequence of the depression prevailing in business circles both at home and abroad, the number of steamers lying idle at Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, and other ports is gradually increasing. There were recently twenty steamers laid up in these ports, four of them being steamers of over 4,000 tons.

The President of the Board of Posts and Communications at Peking has instructed the Commissioner of Shipping Affairs to draft a set of navigation rules for the river boats. A vernacular contemporary states that His Excellency has also decided to levy dues on all such vessels for conservancy purposes and to prohibit the dumping of cinders and rubbish into the river.

In the month of March last year the Cantonese merchants home and abroad, at formed a Navigation Association with a capital of \$10,000,000 to run steamers, open a bank and an insurance company. It is reported that the capital has been partly subscribed. They have purchased a block of houses in Sap Sam Hong, Canton and are going to build offices there in European styles.

Some indication of the severity of the depression in the shipbuilding trade, and incidentally, of the effect of the prolonged strike of engineers on the North-East Coast of Great Britain, is presented by the returns recently issued by the North-Eastern Marine Engineering Company of Wallsend and Sunderland. A year ago the company established a record, for its output of marine engines represented a total indicated horsepower of 126,630. This year it has to be content with a total of 71,080, or 55,550 less. For the past four years the output has never been below 100,000.

The steamers *Shaonut* and *Tremont*, well-known in Far Eastern waters, have been purchased by the Isthmian Canal Company from the Boston Navigation Company to be used in transporting supplies for the Panama canal. For the purchase of two steamers for the Isthmian Canal Commission Congress in 1907 appropriated \$1,500,000. The owners of the *Shaonut* and *Tremont*, it is reported, at first asked exactly this amount for the vessels, but finally agreed to take for the two \$1,157,300, which they state is 33 per cent. less than they cost five and six years ago. The owners agree to deliver the vessels at New York without cost to the United States Government. These vessels will be used for carrying supplies to the canal and latter will be turned over to the Navy for service as colliers.

One of the most enterprising of the French steamship companies, the Chargeurs-Réunis, has to acknowledge an indifferent year. It is the old story of increased expenditure, only partially balanced by augmented receipts. The inauguration of a round-the-world service was highly creditable to the enterprise of the company, but it corresponded, as it happened, with a period of dear coal and indifferent freights. The service is consequently to be bi-monthly in future, instead of monthly, and somewhat smaller boats are to be employed in it, says a Home paper. It is interesting to note that the requirements of the new French law are adding considerably to the cost of wages on French ships. Thus, it is not only British shipowners who are called upon to pay more by reason of legislative enactment. The shareholders of the Chargeurs-Réunis have to go without a dividend this year; but, if report speaks truly, they will merely be in the same boat as those of some of the best of the German companies.

Fashion in the matter of ship nomenclature is well illustrated by the names, just published, of the five new Orient mail steamers. Like the other vessels of the line, the name is in each case to begin with an “O”. As a similar preference is indicated in the nomenclature of the fleet of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, which at one time co-operated with the Orient Company in the Australian mail service, the number of first-class steamships which have “O” as the initial letter of their name is rapidly increasing. The new regulations, which aim at the avoidance of duplication, or, worse, in the naming of British ships, might have been expected to throw difficulty in the way of both the Orient and the Pacific Companies. But, as a matter of fact, the gazetteer is still equal to the occasion, although it is to be feared that the names now drawn from it are not, as a rule, possessed of such geographical distinction as to be familiar to the man in the street.

Of the wisdom of placing some check on the choice of ships' names, the recent fire on the Ellerman-Papyan liner *Sardinia* was a good illustration, says a London paper. As a matter of fact, the P. and O. Company have a line of the same name, and she also frequently calls at Malta. It was only by good luck that painful confusion in the public mind was not created. The present plan of the P. and O. Company, which heretofore has shown a preference for names ending in “in” or “a”, is to apply to particular classes of steamers appellations which necessitate the use of one and the same initial letter. The latest mail steamers are all “M’s”, and certain other of its boats are “N’s”. The Royal Mail Company, in the same way, has given names beginning with “A” to the finest of its mail steamers. The Cunard religiously adheres to “in” as a termination, and the White Star to “ic”.

According to Dr. R. Caird, who writes on the subject in the marine number of “Cassier's Magazine” the use of turbines alone in the new

Cunarders is not economically justified. He compares the *Kaiser Wilhelm II* with the *Lusitania*, and applying to them what is known as the Admiralty coefficient at maximum speed, arrives at the conclusion that the piston engine is 14 per cent more efficient than the turbine. As the steam efficiency of the Cunarder is so high, Dr. Caird thinks—and is probably right in thinking—that the reason must be looked for in the application of the power through the propellers. The data on which the calculations are based apparently related to the initial trials of the *Lusitania*, and since then very close attention has been paid to the question of the position and efficiency of the propellers.

The *Mavretania*, too, has recently been in dock with a similar object. It is interesting to note in this connection that of the White Star Company's new 15,000 steamers, *Meganitic* and *Laurentic*, built for the Canadian Pacific, the former is to rely on reciprocating engines only, while the latter is to be fitted with a combination of reciprocating engines and low-pressure turbines. The respective achievements of these two vessels will be watched with great interest, as they should determine to a great extent a problem of importance to shipowners.

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EXHIBITION OF DECORATIVE ART AND MANUFACTURES.

An Exhibition of Decorative Art and Manufactures was recently held at Birmingham, and the *Journal of Decorative Art and British Decorator*, in its report on the Exhibition gives the following interesting account of the stand of Messrs. Wilkinson, Heywood & Clark of King's Cross and Storer's Wharf, London—a firm well known in the Far East, where they are represented by Mr. W. D. Graham, whose office are in Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong.

Messrs. Wilkinson, Heywood & Clark's stand was conspicuous for its beauty and high finish.

The stand consisted of an inner office, or reception room, occupying the centre of the platform, and four corner columns united at the top with a bold entablature, and the bottom with some beautiful turned baluster rail and newel posts.

The cornice was connected with beams which rested on the top of the inner office and held the whole structure together. Nothing but congratulations can be offered the firm for the excellence of the design, the beauty of the details, and the splendid finish of the parts.

The entire stand was prepared with “Cygnet” white paint, the centre panelled office being finished flat white, relieved with touches of heliotrope grey, and the outer framework finished gloss with the celebrated “Falconite” white enamel.

The ornamental detail of the central portion was very refined, and was designed in the Georgian style, which is a classic term and covers a wide field of decorative detail which has the common denominator that they are all based on the classic styles of ornament. This portion of the stand was taken up with elegant pilasters at the corners, which carried a frieze across each side and end, enriched with some very decorative moulded ornament. The pilasters themselves were relieved with graceful pendants, and the wall spaces were broken up with dado and frieze, the latter also being divided up with moulded panels enriched at the sides with the hawk ornament.

The deep cove at the top, on which rested the connecting beams, had an elegant swag of husks, which is a feature largely employed in this style.

The outer framework was designed on severer lines, and made an excellent groundwork for the enameled which it was designed to show.

The whole stand was remarkable, not only for its beauty as a structure, but as a setting for what was shown upon it, and these, no less than the stand, were the objects of interest to the visitors.

Inside the office or reception room, the walls were finished with “Pheasantite,” a dry, washable distemper, which is the proprietary article of Messrs. Wilkinson, Heywood & Clark, and which has a great acceptance amongst decorators.

It is used for interior decoration, and the colours it is made in are all marked by a richness and softness that is its recommendation. A conspicuous object in the office was an oak shield, filled up with W. H. & Co.'s transparent wood filler, and finished with the firm's best copal varnish.

The value of this is demonstrable on a moment's consideration. The beautiful mirror-like surface of the varnish would not be possible but for the fine preparation of the groundwork, which is achieved entirely by the filler. It fills up every pore and projects a transparent surface between the wood and the varnish—of course, obtained by careful rubbing down—as no other process could do.

The same thing is seen on the various painted shields exhibited on the stand. The surface that elicits our admiration is due to the filler, in the case of painted work it is “Philolite” that is used, a body preparation that gives the decorator the opportunity of bringing up the roughest surface to a perfectly smooth condition on which to paint. We speak of this material in the *Journal* last year, and its usefulness to the decorator is beyond praise.

The shields placed on easels on the stand, were beautiful examples of the painter's art, and many a man must have sighed for the opportunity to do such work. These are more frequent than is thought, and it is well to know that to put one's hand on the material when it is required.

These shields were prepared and painted to show Messrs. Wilkinson, Heywood and Clark's superfine colours, specially prepared for painters, but they had a further purpose which was splendidly demonstrated, and that was to show the beautiful heraldic decorations with which they were adorned. These decorations were all painted (not transferred), and the fineness, and true decorative quality made them very fascinating to the decorator who could appreciate the skill which had gone to produce them, and they reflect the highest credit on the artist and on the firm.

The colours disclosed great variety and brilliancy. Messrs. Wilkinson, Heywood and Clark drew special attention to “Giarmonit,” a dry red of exceeding brilliancy and covering power, and also fast to light.

Another feature of the stand was a violet (not ultramarine), and which is guaranteed to be fast to light. This was decorated with an armorial bearing with green mantling, a daring scheme, but one that quite justified itself by its success.

Messrs. Wilkinson, Heywood, and Clark also have a substitute for black japan, which they call “Nublak.” Its advantages, where time is an element in the work, is that it can be substituted with advantage for black japan, and with good results.

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We had hoped to have illustrated the shields, but time did not permit, and we have to defer the pleasure of doing so until a later issue.

THE GREATEST NATION IN THE WORLD.

Llewellyn Williams in the *Sunday Strand*, quoted from Mr. Thomas Shaw Marshal Oyama's release in New York on Tuesday the 12th inst.

The I.G.M. str. *Goebei*, which left here on Wednesday the 16th ult., has arrived at Genoa on the 12th inst. at 6 p.m.

The J.C.J. Lin str. *Tjilatjung* left Moji for this port on the 10th inst., and may be expected here to-morrow a.m., and will leave for Japan on 18th inst. p.m.

The J.C.J. Lin str. *Tjilatjung* left Makassar for this port on the 9th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst., and leave for Japan on 19th inst. a.m.

The Glen Line str. *Glenstrela* left Singapore on the 13th inst., and may be expected to arrive here on the 19th inst.

The Swedish str. *Yeddo* left Singapore on the 12th inst. afternoon, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 19th inst. a.m.

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The Head Master has the honour to request the favour of the attendance of those interested in education.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1909. [185]

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL SHOW.

THE FLOWER and VEGETABLE SHOW will be held on the 26th and 27th February, in the BOTANIC GARDENS.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st January to THURSDAY the 28th January (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1909. [188]

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THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 28th January, 1909, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1908.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 15th January to THURSDAY, the 28th Jan. (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to the HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

General Agents for the West Point Building Company, LTD.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [178]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

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The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19, to

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BOOTHES and MATSHEDS,

on the Government Ground adjoining the Race Course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

Terms—Cash.

For Plan and Conditions of Sale, apply to—

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INTIMATIONS

INSURANCES

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1907
£18,114,624.

Authorised Capital £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital 2,650,000
Paid-up Capital 687,500 0 0
II. Fix Funds 3,065,374 15 7

The Under-signed, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 21st July, 1908. [1019]

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
WM. MEYERINK & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 5th September, 1908. [120]

THE GLOBUS INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
CARLOWITZ & Co.
Hongkong, 13th August 1906. [23]



COMING! COMING!

ECHOES FROM EVERYWHERE

A YOUTHFUL COMPOSER.

The Conservatoire at Bologna has awarded a degree to a boy of thirteen named Nino Rossi, who has worked his way through the course in ten months, although four years is the allotted time. Rossi is now at work on the composition of an opera. He is a remarkable lad in other respects, for he weighs over eleven stone.

THE BEDOUIN'S BED.

One of the most interesting patients at the medical mission at Haifa, Palestine, is a Bedouin, who had never been inside a house with windows, and had never seen a bedstead. He wanted to sleep under the bed, fearing to fall off if he tried to sleep on it, saying, "I can't stay awake all night holding on to this bank: besides, it will not keep still." It was a spring mattress.

DONANDO'S DRINK.

Dorando intends to remain in America pending the organisation of further long-distance contests which will prove that he is not merely a one-day champion of the world. The Italian runner now admits (says a correspondent) that the liquid refreshment he sipped during the race from a Chinese bottle was not really Chianti, as his brother declared. "I drink Chianti when training," he said, "but not during a race. What I drank was a coffee mixture, the composition of which I do not care to disclose. Suffice it to say that it keeps me fresh and makes me run fast. No! it was not a drug!"

EPISCOPAL HUMOUR.

Examples of episcopal letters given in "The Old-Time Parson" show that bishops' letters are not necessarily dull. Here are two examples by the historian Bishop of Oxford, the late Dr. Stubbs.—"A fussy clergyman wrote him a long and tiresome letter, asking his lordship's opinion as to whether it was right to have permission to place some curtains behind the altar of his church as a screen." He received the prompt reply—

"Dear B.—Hang your curtains.—Yours truly,—W. Oxon."

On another occasion an overworked clergyman appealed for leave of absence for three months to visit the Holy Land. The bishop replied generally:

"My dear A.—Go to Jericho.—Yours ever,—W. Oxon."

THE "BILLYCOCK" HAT.

Mr. C. A. Phillips, who died recently, was a principal in the well-known firm of Hall and Phillips (Limited), Newcastle hatmakers. The business was established about two centuries ago at Athers one, and subsequently passed by purchase into the hands of a Joseph Willday, whose family conducted it for more than a hundred years. As early as 1745 the round hats made of soft felt, then known as "Atherton cockes," were not only sold largely in Great Britain, but sent to the American plantations. Mr. Willday so increased the manufacture of these cheap felt hats that they became known as "Billycocks." The English armies which fought in America, India, and at Waterloo were supplied with hats from Willday's factory.

AN ECCENTRIC DOCTOR.

The famous Russian Dr. Zaharin, who has died in Moscow, and left over £200,000, was noted for his eccentric methods. When summoned to attend Czar Alexander III. in his last illness, Dr. Zaharin required the same preparation for his visit to the Palace as to any of his patients' homes. That is to say, all dogs had to be kept out of the way, all clocks stopped, and every door thrown wide open. He left his fur in the hall, his overcoat in the next room, his goloshes in the third, and continuing, arrived at the bedside in ordinary indoor costume. He sat down after walking every few yards, and every eight steps in going upstairs. From the patient's relatives, and everyone else in the house, he required absolute silence until he spoke to them, when his questions had to be answered by "Yes" or "No," and nothing more.

SHERLOCK HOLMES.

A good story of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's experience with a Parisian cabby—which has appeared in the *Figaro*—is sent by the *Daily Telegraph* correspondent.

Coming up from the Riviera, he took a cab at the Gare de Lyons, and drove to his hotel, where he tipped the driver substantially.

"Merci, Monsieur Conan Doyle," said the cocher, to the astonishment of Sir Arthur, who asked how on earth he knew his name.

"Voilà" said the cabby. "I read in the papers that Sir Doyle was to arrive in Paris from Nice, after stopping at Marseilles, and Lyons on the way."

"Now I noted that you had had your hair cut at Marseilles, and that you had Lyons mud still on your boots. Therefore you must be Sir Doyle."

The creator of Sherlock Holmes was more amazed than ever.

"Do you mean to say that was all the evidence you had to go upon?"

"Well, to be honest, no," answered the cabby with a grin, "I also saw your name written on your box."

LABEL IN CHICAGO.

As stepmother to the nations of the world there seems none to dispute the pre-eminence of Chicago. In the Christmas "Atlantic" Professor W. Z. Ripley, of Harvard says that special study of the linguistic conditions in Chicago well illustrates our racial heterogeneity. Among the people of that great city—the third in size in the United States—fourteen languages are spoken by groups of not less than ten thousand persons each. Newspapers are regularly published in ten languages, and church services are conducted in twenty different tongues.

Measured by the size of its foreign linguistic colonies, Chicago is the second Bohemian city in the world, the third Swedish, the fourth Polish, and the fifth German (New York being the fourth). There is one large factory in Chicago employing over four thousand people, representing twenty-four distinct nationalities. Rules of the establishment are regularly printed in eight languages.

INFLUENCE OF A PLAY.

Mr. Martin Harvey, a contemporary says, has received a letter from a husband and wife who were recently reconciled, after an estrangement of years, through seeing that charming play "It and Little Christina." "I visited the Adelphi last Tuesday," wrote the lady, "and was just taking my seat when I espied my husband, whom I had not seen for years, sitting in another part of the theatre; our eyes instinctively met from time to time during the performance. It was well on towards the end of the performance when the lines came, 'We men must think first of women: think of them very tenderly, very gently. They are weaker than we, you know.' At this moment mine and my husband's eyes met with a look that they had not contained for four long years. The play over, I left my seat and made my way to the exit, when, strange to say, we met almost face to face in the vestibule, and in a moment I felt my husband's hand and he whispered in my ear, 'We must think first of women.' I responded with a smile, and before we knew where we were we found ourselves in a cab speeding towards home, the first time for four years."

NO DEAKER LIVING.

Such duties would not increase the cost of living or the cost of production in this country. They would yield a revenue, and give our manufacturers a preference in all the markets of the Empire. We are told that the professional man, the doctor and the barrister, has nothing to gain from this change. My answer is that in the absence of this change he will suffer more than any other from the piling up of direct taxation and of municipal rates. Last of all we are urged by Mr. Asquith not to strike a blow at our predominance as bankers and brokers. That is the crux. Bankers and brokers are misguided in their own interests. I am not prepared to deny that we, as bankers and brokers, make large profits as commission agents on an overseas trade of £100,000,000 a year, but no nation can exist by banking, and, moreover, when capital is going abroad, when too large a portion of the nation are clerks on office stools, and far too large a portion of human brains are set to unproductive tasks, then no business is more surely threatened with destruction than that of banking and broking.

HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL.

Keep your complexion, Mrs. Ellen's Crème Charmaute, Lait Charmant and Special Skin Tonic and Poudre Charmant will enable you to do it. Her Specialities for the Skin are the study of a lifetime. A. S. Watson & Co. Ltd. Sole Agents.

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WHAT ARE THESE BONDS?

They are high-class and absolutely safe securities, payable to bearer, issued by the various Governments and Municipalities of Europe; they are redeemable at periodical drawings, either with Cash Premiums varying from £40 to £40,000, or, at the very least, at their full nominal value.

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Write for Handbook, sent post free.

MELVILLE, GLYN & CO., Bankers, 3, Rue de la Bourse, PARIS (France).

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THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA SOLE AGENTS.

TO BE OBTAINED EVERYWHERE.



"ASAHI" & "SAPPORO" BEER

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The Tariff Commission has for the last five years been considering the framing of a scientific tariff. An enormous amount of evidence has been taken from representatives of every important trade in the country and carefully collated. The result of this work is that all the material necessary for the framing of a scientific tariff is ready at hand, carefully collated and scheduled.

CROWN PRINCESS SELLS HER DIadem.

PROCEEDS GIVEN TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

A flutter has been caused in the highest Court circles at Berlin by the discovery that the Crown Princess has sold a diamond diadem valued at over £50,000 to obtain money for contribution to the fund to relieve the widows and orphans of the victims of the recent colliery disaster in Westphalia.

The Crown Prince had already contributed £250 to the fund, but the Crown Princess, whose kind heart was touched by the terrible sufferings of the women and children deprived of husbands and fathers, determined to give a far larger sum for the amelioration of their distress. After secretly selling the diadem, she gave the entire proceeds to the relief fund.

When the Crown Prince was informed of his wife's successful attempt to raise money he accepted the accomplished fact with good humour. Many courtiers, on the contrary, are deeply shocked at the procedure, which they regard as a violation of etiquette. They hold it to be highly improper for a member of the imperial family to raise money by selling jewels.

Public opinion, however, applauds the generous act, which has greatly enhanced the popularity of the Crown Prince and Princess.

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ON SALE.

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS. January to June, 1908. With INDEX. Price 57.50.

On sale at the HONGKONG DAILY PRESS Office.

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908.

SANG MOW. RATTAN AND GRASS FURNITURE MAKER.

CHAINS, TABLES, SETTEES & LONG CHAIRS. BAMBOO, BLINDS, MATTINGS in all colours on Sale.

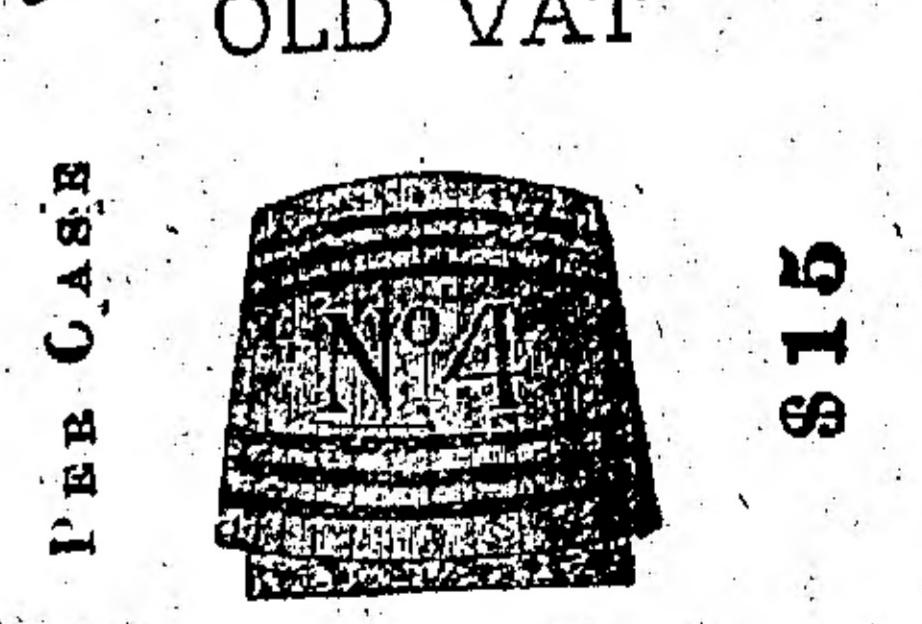
All Orders receive Prompt attention.

59, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. [401]

AS SUPPLIED TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS, AND HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THORNE'S OLD VAT



THIS VAT WAS STARTED BY THE LATE ROBERT THORNE OF GREENOCK AND HAS BEEN SOLD AS NEW SINCE 1859.

SCOTCH WHISKY.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONG KONG, CHINA & MANILLA. A. S. WATSON & CO. LTD.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 ANDALUSIA, German str., 3,336, F. Block, 13th Jan.—Singapore 6th January, General Hamburg-American Line.
 GERD, Norwegian str., 751, Arthur, 13th Jan.—Bangkok 4th Jan., Rice, Timber and General—Chinese.
 HAIYANG, British str., 1,362, Hodges, 13th Jan.—Poochoye and Poole 12th January, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
 JOSHIN MAE, Japanese str., 702, Y. Kubasaki, 13th Jan.—Tamsui 10th Jan., General—Osaka Shosen Kaihatsu.
 LAERTES, British str., 1,240, Frampton, 13th January—Saigon 8th January, Rice—Chinese.
 LUETZOW, German str., 5,478, C. Dewers, 13th Jan.—Singapore 9th January, Mails and General—Molchers & Co.
 MARIE, German str., 1,169, Christiansen, 12th Jan.—Rangoon 31st Dec., Groundnuts—Johson & Co.
 MEIFOO, Chinese str., 1,339, J. McArthur, 13th Jan.—Shanghai 10th January, General—Chinese.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
 13th January.
 Ceylon Maru, Japanese str., for Singapore.
 Chipping, British str., for Shanghai.
 Pafat, German str., for Bangkok.

DEPARTURES.

13th January.
 HUJUN MARU, Japanese str., for Swatow.
 DERFLINGER, German str., for Europe.
 JOHANNE, German str., for Holloway.
 KIUKIANG, British str., for Ningpo.
 MAUSANG, British str., for Sandakan.
 NILE, British str., for Singapore.
 ONGKE BRANCH, British str., for Karatua.
 TOONAN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 ULV, Norwegian str., for Saigon.
 YERMO MARU, Jap. str., for Amoy.
 ZWELENA, British str., for Cheribon.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
 The British str. *Haiyang* reports: Light N.W. breeze and fine clear weather.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

January 13th.

ABERDEEN DOCK.—
 KOWLOON DOCK—
H.M.S. Fane, *H.M.S. Janus*, Michael Jansen, Mandal, *H.M.S. Whiting*, Yuchang, Nord. Loonggang, Choutai Cosmopolitan Dock—Honan.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA
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STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamer to PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LEGHORN and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN Ports up to CALLAO. (Taking cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship

"CAPRI."
 Captain Pedone, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 14th Jan., at Noon.
 For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1909. [4]
REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE

(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR COAST).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

On BOSTON AND NEW YORK.
S.S. "MUNCASTER CASTLE" On 19th Jan., 09.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents. Hongkong, 25th December, 1908. [1298]



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT), Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID. (Taking cargo at through rates to the BRAZILS to PURSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"PERSIA."
 Captain Bartole, will be despatched as above on the 20th January, 1909.

This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor. For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Princes' Buildings. Hongkong, 29th December, 1908. [3]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

For GENOA, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"GLENAVON."
 Captain Wolfenden, will be despatched as above on MONDAY the 25th January, 1909.

For Freight apply to MCGRIGOR BROS. & GOW. Hongkong, 5th January, 1909. [145]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS LIMITED.

For LONDON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship

"CARNARVONSHIRE."
 will be despatched for the above Ports about end of January, 1909.

For further particulars, apply to SHewan, TOME & Co., Agents. Hongkong, 25th December, 1908. [117]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & CO.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON &c. via USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELHI	Brit. str.	—	J. D. Andrews, B.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 23rd inst., at Noon.
LONDON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	CARNARVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	Wolfenden	SHewan, TOME & Co.	End of January.
GENOA, LONDON & ANTWERP	GLENAYON	Brit. str.	k. w.	Luning	MCGRIGOR BROS. & GOW	On 25th inst.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	ISTELA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Formans	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 16th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS	BARCLORA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 26th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 23rd Febr.
HAVRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS	DELTA	Dan str.	—	Charbonnel	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 25th inst.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG	CE. FRED. LAMISZ	Fr. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, B.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Beginning of January.
MARSEILLE, HAVRE & C. PENHAGEN	TONKIN	Fr. str.	—	A. Christianen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLE & LONDON via CALL	MACEDONIA	Fr. str.	—	H. Petersen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th March.
MARSEILLE & LONDON via BOMBAY	BINGO MARU	Fr. str.	—	E. L. Sommer	MELCHERS & CO.	On 20th inst.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE	KAWACHA MARU	Fr. str.	—	E. Malchow	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 2nd Febr.
MARSEILLE, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE	KANO MARU	Fr. str.	—	G. Rott	Princes' Building.	Hongkong, 11th January, 1909. [3]
MARIE, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR &c.	PRINZESS ALICE	Fr. str.	—	Bartole	THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.	
TELESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	PERSEA	Fr. str.	—		STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,	
NEW YORK	AGAGONIA	Fr. str.	—		PLYMOUTH AND LONDON	
BOSTON & NEW YORK	MUNCASTER CASTLE	Brit. str.	2 m.		THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.	
YANKEE	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	1 h.		THE Steamship	
YANKEE	MONTENAEGLE	Brit. str.	—		"DELHI."	
YANKEE	INVERIC	Brit. str.	—	R. J. Howie	Captain J. D. Andrews, B.N.E., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, &c., on SATURDAY, the 23rd January, at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "VICTORIA," 7,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.	
YANKEE	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	S. Ishikawa	Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. "ARCADIA" due in London on the 6th March, 1909.	
YANKEE	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Nagao	Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.	
YANKEE	CHANGSHA	Jap. str.	1 m.	G. W. Eddy	For further particulars, apply to	
YANKEE	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Mathieson	E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.	
YANKEE	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Jap. str.	—	D. Lenz	Hongkong, 12th January, 1909. [1]	
YANKEE	EARLIER	Jap. str.	—	T. McArthur	EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.	
YANKEE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Sekine	FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.	
YANKEE	AMADA	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Sandbach	(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)	
YANKEE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	E. C. Butler	THE Steamship	
YANKEE	TAMAHA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Arakawa	"EASTERN."	
YANKEE	KAGEHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Koops	Captain McArthur, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, 3rd Febr., at NOON.	
YANKEE	TIRAINI	Jap. str.	—	G. Bright	This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.	
YANKEE	TAMBU	Jap. str.	—	Wright	The Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.	
YANKEE	LIENSHING	Jap. str.	—	Block	A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.	
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YANKEE	SHAOHSING	Jap. str.	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	For Passage, apply to	
YANKEE	LUZOW	Jap. str.	—	W. Hayward, B.N.E.	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.	
YANKEE	YEDDO	Jap. str.	—	M. B. Lake	Hongkong, 13th January, 1909. [181]	
YANKEE	TUNGSHING	Jap. str.	—	de Brouwers	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.	
YANKEE	MALTA	Jap. str.	—	Ijichi	CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.	
YANKEE	SLAVONIA	Jap. str.	—	O. K. Kubraki	LUXURY—SPEED—PUNCTUALITY.	
YANKEE	HANGSHANG	Jap. str.	—	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	THE ONLY LINE THAT MAINTAINS A REGULAR SCHEDULE SERVICE OF 12 days ACROSS the PACIFIC is the "EMPERESS LINE," Saving 5 to 10 days' Ocean Travel, 12 DAYS YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER, 21 DAYS HONGKONG to VANCOUVER.	
YANKEE	POLYNESIEN	Jap. str.	—	Broc	PROPOSED SAILINGS. (Subject to Alteration.)	
YANKEE	SILESIA	Jap. str.	—	Radonich	R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN" Tons LEAVE HONGKONG ARRIVE VANCOUVER.	
YANKEE	SHANGHAI	Jap. str.	—	T. Suraga	"EMPERESS OF CHINA" 6,000 SATURDAY, 16th Jan. 5th Feb. 09.	
YANKEE	YOKOHAMA	Jap. str.	—	W. Hayward, B.N.E.	"MONTEAGLE" 6,000 SATURDAY, 13th Feb. 5th March 09.	
YANKEE	KOBEL	Jap. str.	—	M. B. Lake	"EMPERESS OF INDIA" 6,000 SATURDAY, 2nd March 26th April 09.	
YANKEE	DEWAHNA	Jap. str.	—	de Brouwers	"EMPERESS OF JAPAN" 6,000 SATURDAY, 10th April 30th April 09.	
YANKEE	NAMANGA	Jap. str.	—	Ijichi	"EMPERESS OF CHINA" 6,000 SATURDAY, 1st May 22nd May 09.	
YANKEE	YUMIAMI	Jap. str.	—	O. K. Kubraki	"EMPERESS" Steamship will depart from HONGKONG at 7 A.M.	
YANKEE	SHOSHO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	"MONTEAGLE" at 12 NOON.	
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YANKEE	HAITAN	Jap. str.	1 m.	A. Somerville	R.M.S. "MONTEAGLE" carries Intermediate Passengers only, at Intermediate rates affording superior accommodation for	

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & MALTA	Capt. H. Powell	On 16th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
and YOKOHAMA			
SHANGHAI	Capt. W. Hayward, R.N.R.	About 21st Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS DELHI	Capt. T. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	Noon, 23rd Jan.	See Special Advertisement.
OF CALL			

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th January, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

TO	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
PAKHOU and HAIPHONG	"CHIHLI"	On 15th Jan, 10 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING"	On 15th Jan, 4 P.M.
CEBU and ILIOILO	"NANCHANG"	On 15th Jan, 4 P.M.
DALNY	"TAMSUI"	On 16th Jan, 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 20th Jan, 3 P.M.
CEBU and ILIOILO	"SUNGKUANG"	On 21st Jan, 4 P.M.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 26th Jan, 3 P.M.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRES, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"CHANGSHA"	On 31st Jan, 4 P.M.

MANILA STEAMERS & TIENSIN STEAMERS have superior Passenger accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon.

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

SHANGHAI STEAMERS have good Saloon Passenger accommodation and take cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage apply to—

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HIGHEST CLASS—FASTEST AND MOST LUXURIOUS STEAMERS ON THE COAST, HAVING SPLENDID ACCOMMODATION FOR FIRST-CLASS PASSENGERS. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

STEAMERS	FOR LEAVING.	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	FRIDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
"HAIYANG"	Capt. A. E. Hodgins		
"HAIMUN,"	Capt. Evans	SWATOW	SUNDAY, 17th Jan., at 10 A.M.
"HAITAN,"	Capt. J. S. Roach	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage apply to—

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Hongkong, 14th January, 1909.

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OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	THE CO.'S S.S.	LEAVING
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW, "JOSHIN MARU"		SUNDAY, 17th Jan., at 9 A.M.
& AMOY	Capt. Y. KABURAKI	
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, "SHOSHU MARU"	Capt. IJICHI	WEDDAY, 20th Jan., at 8 A.M.

* These new Steamers have excellent accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light. First-class Cabins Amidships. Unrivalled Table.

+ Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and North China Ports.

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Hongkong, 14th January, 1909.

T. AEIMA, Manager [13]

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LTD.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Friday, 15th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LIENSHING"	Friday, 15th Jan., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSHANG"	Friday, 15th Jan., 4 P.M.
KOBE	"AMARA"	Friday, 15th Jan., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"TUNGSHING"	Saturday 16th Jan., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"HANGSAMG"	Sunday, 17th Jan., D'light
SITHAL, YOKOHAMA, Kobe & Moji	"KUMSANG"	Tuesday, 19th Jan., Noon.
FOR THE MANILA CARNIVAL.	"NAMSANG"	Thursday, 4th Febr., Noon.

FEBRUARY 2ND TO 9TH, 1909.

A Special Reduced Fare of \$50 for Return Passengers will be issued for our Sailings to Manila of the 29th January, and 5th February, available for 30 days from date of issue. Passengers taking out these tickets are exempt from the Head Tax.

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GOTHENBURG.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN	"SIAM"	Beginning of Jan., '09
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"YEDDO"	Middle of Jan., '09
For Further Particulars apply to Hongkong, 1st January, 1909.	MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.	6

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

EXTRA PASSENGER SERVICE NEW STEAMERS—EUROPEAN LINE.

FOR GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

THE CO.'S NEWLY BUILT 9000 TONS PASSENGER STEAMERS WILL BE DESPATCHED FROM HONGKONG AS FOLLOWS:

KAMO MARU — (Capt. F. L. SOMMER) — On Tues. 26th Jan.

MISHIMA MARU — (Capt. A. E. MOSES) — On Wed. 10th Feb.

MIYASAKI MARU — (——) — About Wed. 24th Mar.

ATSUTA MARU — (——) — About Wed. 21st April.

CHEAPEST PASSAGE RATES TO EUROPE AND AROUND THE WORLD.

For further particulars apply to

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Hongkong, 7th January, 1909. [93]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PE NANG, COLOMBO, and POET SAID	"BINGO MARU"	6247	WEDDAY, 20th Jan., at Daylight
VICTORIA, BC, and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	"KAWACHI MARU"	6101	WEDDAY, 3rd Febr., at Daylight
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE	"TANGO MARU"	7463	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	"AKI MARU"	6444	TUESDAY, 2nd Febr., at Noon.
MOJI & KOBE	"KUMANO MARU"	5076	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., at Noon.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"YAWATA MARU"	3917	FRIDAY, 19th Febr., at Noon.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"CEYLON MARU"	5068	THURSDAY, 14th January.
KOBE	"KAGESHIMA MARU"	4687	SUNDAY, 17th January.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"YAWATA MARU"	3817	TUESDAY, 19th Jan., at Noon.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"TAMBA MARU"	6134	SATURDAY, 23rd Jan., at Daylight

* Omitting Yokaichi.
† Fitted with Marconi's System of Wireless Telegraphy.
‡ Cargo only.

Through Passengers Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chester Road.

T. KUSUMOTO, MANAGER. [15]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE HAMBURG.

EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE.

Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

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Also via Aden or Port Said, by the Company's "Arabian and Persian Service" to Arabian and Persian Gulf Ports.

NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG: HOMEWARD.

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Correspondence for EUROPE, via SIBERIA, is forwarded from HONGKONG by all vessels sailing for SHANGHAI.

Approximate times of clearing mails at Shanghai via Dalny and Siberia.

22nd January at 9.00 a.m.
23rd January at 8.30 p.m.

Private Letter Boxes at the G.P.O. Boxholders are reminded that if they desire to retain their Private Letter Boxes for the Current Year they should pay in the Annual Fee of \$10 not later than the 15th instant.

The Polynesian, with the French mail of the 18th December, left Singapore on Monday, the 11th inst., at 4.30 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 18th instant. This packet brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on the 14th November.

FOR

FEES

DATE

Singapore, Colombo and Bombay		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Bangkok		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Moji		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Bombay		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria Seattle & Tacoma		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
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Pahkot and Haifong		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Kobe		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta		Thursday, 14th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai		Friday, 15th, 8.00 P.M.
Cobu and Iloilo		Friday, 15th, 8.00 P.M.
Manila		Friday, 15th, 8.00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, MOJI, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER (B.C.)		Friday, 15th, 8.00 P.M.
(Supplementary mail will be closed on board at 6.30 a.m., extra fee 10 cents)		
Manila		Saturday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai		Saturday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Macau		Saturday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Dalny		Saturday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.
Empress of Japan		Friday, 15th, 5.00 P.M.
Zafiro		Saturday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Tungshing		Saturday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Sussex		Saturday, 16th, 11.00 A.M.
Tunant		Saturday, 16th, 3.00 P.M.

SHIPPING IN PORT.

STEAMERS
AMARA, British str., 2,868, C. Neumann, 12th Jan.—Portland 1st Dec., General & Flour—Order.

ARAHIA, Japanese str., 2,183, T. Ota, 12th Jan.—Moji 6th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bisan Kaisha.

BENLARIC, British str., 2,510, Wallace, 9th January—Singapore 3rd January, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

BOURBON, French str., 990, Le Bail, 5th Jan.—Saigon 31st Dec., General—Chinese.

BUOY MARY, Jap. str., 1,813, M. Yamamoto, 7th Jan.—Moji 31st Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bisan Kaisha.

CAPRI, Italian str., 2,690, Padova, 8th Jan.—Singapore 1st Jan., General—Carlowitz & Co.

CEYLON MARU, Japanese str., 3,142, E. L. Pyne, 12th Jan.—Kobe via Moji 5th Jan., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

CHINHLI, British str., 1,143, C. Lindbom 12th Jan.—Haiphong 6th and Hoioh 10th Jan., Rice and General—Butterfield & Swire.

CHILDAEL, Norwegian str., 1,102, Nielsen, 1st January—Swatow 31st December, Ballast—Aagard, Thorson & Co.

CHIPSHING, British str., 1,199, F. Mooney, 30th Dec.—Chingwanta 25th, and Chefoo 25th Dec., Coal and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CHOWTAI, German str., 1,115, Moellermann, 6th Jan.—Bangkok 29th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

DAYA MARY, Japanese str., 1,735, Kabayashi, 10th Jan.—Wakamatsu 5th Jan., Coal—Mitsui Bisan Kaisha.

DRUFAR, Norwegian str., 1,102, J. Bing, 8th Jan.—Hongkong 5th January, General—Aagard Thoreson & Co.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British str., 3,039, S. Robinson, 1st Jan.—Vancouver 10th Dec., General—C. P. R. Co.

FUKURA MARU, Jap. str., 1,456, Kumawaki, 8th Jan.—Moji 3rd Jan., Coal—Matsui Bishi Goshi Kaisha.

HALMUN, British str., 636, Evans, 12th Jan.—Swatow 11th January, General—Douglas, Leprait & Co.

HAKUTO MARU, Jap. str., 3,282, K. Kaneda, 9th Jan.—Moji 3rd Jan., Coal—Bradley & Co.

HANGSANG, British str., 1,356, S. Wilde, 10th Jan.—Shanghai and Swatow 6th January, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

INTERIC, British str., 3,113, R. J. Hewitt, 5th Jan.—Manila 2nd Jan., General—Doddwell & Co.

JACOB DIEDREICHSEN, Ger. str., 623, Hansen, 11th Jan.—Tourane 6th and Hoioh 9th Jan., Coal and General—Jesben & Co.

KISSE MARU, Jap. str., 1,536, B. Miyake, 7th Jan.—Moji 23rd December, Coal—Order.

KUMSANG, British str., 2,977, E. J. Buller, 11th Jan.—Calcutta and Singapore 5th Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KUTSANG, British str., 3,109, R. C. D. Bradley, 9th January—Moji 5th January, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LAKHMIN, British str., 636, Evans, 12th Jan.—Swatow 11th January, General—Douglas, Leprait & Co.

MARU, French str., 1,468, Froberg, 10th Jan.—Weihaiwei 5th Jan., Rice and Salt—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MINAS DE PATAN, American str., 1,758, T. Sievert, 3rd January—Manila 28th Dec., Ballast—Order.

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